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FOR MR. LOUIS DALMAS  
53BO. SEBASTOPOL, PARIS,  
TEL. 23-2535

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CDES, AU (EUSTIS, JAMES BIDDLE)  
SUBJECT: DEATH OF JAMES BIDDLE EUSTIS

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF YOUR BROTHER, JAMES BIDDLE EUSTIS. AUSTRIAN POLICE VIENNA, AUSTRIA, INFORMED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT VIENNA, AUSTRIA, ON JUNE 2, 1977 OF HIS DEATH PROBABLY FROM HEART FAILURE ON JUNE 2, ON WIEDENER GUERTEL 1 A STREET, VIENNA. MANDATORY AUTOPSY WILL BE PERFORMED BY VIENNA INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC MEDICINE.

2. YOUR BROTHER HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY HIS US PASSPORT Z2295003, ISSUED OCT. 30, 1975 IN THESSALONIKI, GREECE.

3. THE AMERICAN EMBASSY HAS TAKEN CHARGE OF HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS INCLUDING AN AUTOMOBILE AND WILL WRITE TO YOU CONCERNING THEIR DISPOSITION.

4. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES LOCAL BURIAL OR THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR SHIPMENT WITHIN  
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72 HOURS AFTER DEATH. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR BROTHER'S REMAINS RETURNED TO U.S. OR ELSEWHERE. IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIRSHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO MASSACHUSETTS WOULD COST \$2,200. CREMATION AND SHIPMENT CREMAINS TO U.S. WOULD COST \$300. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE COST IS \$410. THE COST OF CREMATION AND LOCAL BURIAL IS \$420.

ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

5. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

(A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, VIENNA, AUSTRIA AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT DESIRED.

(B) TELEGRAPH REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH NEAREST AMERICAN EXPRESS CO OFFICE PAYABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY VIENNA.

6 UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY SEVEN DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

7 IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS POST BY PHONING 34-66-11 IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA.

8. BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.  
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